



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **COUNTY REOPENS OAKOASIS PRESERVE TO PUBLIC** *Reopening Set for 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Trails Day*

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 4, 2005 at 8 a.m.

**WHERE:** Oakoasis Open Space Preserve  
12620 Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040

**WHO/WHAT:** Fire and flood damaged Oakoasis County Open Space Preserve will reopen to the public for the first time on Saturday, June 4, 2005. The October 2003 Wildfires completely destroyed this 397-acre preserve and forced the park to remain closed for recovery efforts. Beginning tomorrow, visitors can access Oakoasis's 3 miles of rehabilitated multi-use trails. The restored preserve also offers new educational and recreational opportunities with fire ecology interpretative signage along the trails that depicts how nature restores itself after a wildfire. Trail users can enjoy vistas of amazing, vegetation re-growth including wildflowers, mixed chaparral, coastal sagebrush scrub and oak riparian woodland. Oakoasis Open Space Preserve is open from 8 a.m. to sunset. Oakoasis is the tenth fire damaged County park to reopen.

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